

REMARKS

Claims 2, 7-10, 12-16, 18-22 and 24-31 are pending in the application. Claims 21, 22 and 24-26 are rejected. Claims 2, 7-10, 12-16, 18-20, 27-31 are allowed. No new subject matter has been added.

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 21, 22, 24-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Examiner states that claims 21, 22, 24-26 do not fall into any category of the statutory subject matter of the "Interim Guidelines for Examination of Patent Applications for Patent Subject Matter Eligibility."

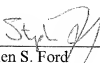
Claims 21, 22, 24-26 have been amended to fall with the Interim Guidelines and are therefore now allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 21, 22 and 24-26 of the application as amended is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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